

# HOPE not hate



## Think European parliament has nothing to do with women? THINK AGAIN!

### Why women should vote in the European election on 4 June

**The European Union has been at the heart of many positive changes for women.**

■ Right back to the Treaty of Rome in 1957, Europe has placed the principle of gender equality at its heart. European directives have insisted on equal pay for equal work and outlawed sex discrimination in employment, vocational training and working conditions.

■ **Parental leave:** Women in the UK used to have to work for two years for the same employer before having the right to paid maternity leave. The EU changed that.

■ **Maternity pay:** The government has increased the minimum protection provided under EU law, extending both maternity leave and statutory maternity pay.

■ European law also guarantees many parents unpaid leave with young children. Women must be able to return to their old job, or an equivalent, after maternity or parental leave without loss of pay or status.

■ Some six million UK part-time workers – most of them women – have achieved equal status with their full-time colleagues, because of EU legislation. Part-time workers now share equal rights for paid leave, maternity rights, access to training and other benefits. And EU law now says that women must have equal access to the same social security benefits and pensions as men.

***There's plenty more to do. That is why the European Commission continues to address Equality of Opportunity for All.***



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# The BNP view of women

**THE BNP HAVE A REAL CHANCE OF GAINING THEIR FIRST MEPS IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION. They want to represent women at European parliament. But the BNP is a sexist organisation which is not interested in protecting the rights of women. Look at how they talk about women and treat their own female activists.**

- *"Rape is simply sex. Women enjoy sex, so rape cannot be such a terrible physical ordeal. To suggest that rape, when conducted without violence, is a serious crime is like suggesting that force feeding a woman chocolate cake is a heinous offence. A woman would be more inconvenienced by having her handbag snatched."* **London BNP candidate Nick Eriksen**
- *"For a woman to consider a job or career more important than having children is, quite literally, unnatural. Instead of complaining that nature prevents women from having successful careers women should embrace the career nature has ascribed to them – motherhood."* **Nick Eriksen**
- Mark Collett, one of the BNP's leading lights, spoke at a Barnsley meeting extolling his human right to ogle women in low-cut tops.
- Suzy Cass, wife of former BNP manager Nick Cass, was instructed by her husband to insist on a White European midwife when giving birth to their children.
- Richard Barnbrook, BNP member on the London Assembly, and BNP fake Reverend Robert West said recently that the answer to the recession was for women to work at home.

Bigots one and all:  
Nick Eriksen,  
Richard Barnbrook,  
Nick Cass, Mark Collett  
and Robert West



**Women voting for proper representation in Europe will ensure women's rights are upheld and that the BNP's misogyny is not welcome.**

Spread the word! Please pass on this message to your mum, sisters, female colleagues and friends.

**USE YOUR VOTE ON 4 JUNE  
JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BNP**

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